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CP&P accepts referrals for assessment from the Family Court, Crisis Intervention Units, and Court Intake.

This affiliation agreement, [CIU/CP&P/Family Part Agreement](#), outlines situations in which CP&P accepts referrals from the Crisis Intervention Unit and in which the CIU accepts referrals from CP&P and other sources. Referrals are considered as voluntary requests for services. The parents are asked to indicate their willingness to accept services from the Division. Assessment and services are provided only with the parents' cooperation or by order of the Family Court.

If CP&P does not believe the court order is appropriate, CP&P consults with the Deputy Attorney General. CP&P complies with the court order until it is changed.

If CP&P is ordered by the Family Court to prepare a service plan for the child (for either in-home services or out-of-home placement), CP&P presumes the court order valid and complies with it. A service plan is submitted to the court within 14 days (commonly known as the "14-day plan"). CP&P provides the report, along with any supportive documents, directly to the child's defense attorney or Law Guardian, based on the tenets of N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60.3. See [CP&P-IX-G-1-100](#). The assigned Worker or Court Liaison notices the court of the completion of the plan, and that CP&P delivered the plan to the child's defense attorney.